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**DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR PATENT APPLICATION**

As a hereinafter named inventor, I declare that the information given herein is true, that I believe that I am the original, first and sole inventor if only one name is listed at 201 below, or a joint inventor if plural inventors are named below at 201 — 203, of the invention entitled:

**Cargo Snugger Strap And Hook Mechanism**

which is described and claimed in:

X the attached specification; or

— the specification in Application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_, filed \_\_\_\_\_;

that I or we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, that I or we do not know and do not believe that the same was ever known or used in the United States of America before my or our invention thereof or patented or described in any printed publication in any country before my or our invention thereof, or more than one year prior to this application, or in public use or on sale in the United States of America more than one year prior to this application, that the invention has not been patented or made the subject of any inventor's certificate issued before the date of this application in any country foreign to the United States of America on an application filed by me or us or my or our legal representatives or assigns more than twelve months prior to this application, that I or we acknowledge my or our duty pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56(a) to disclose information of which I or we are aware which is material to the examination of this application, and that no application for patent or inventor's certificate on this invention has been filed by me or us or my or our legal representatives or assigns in any country foreign to the United States of America except as identified hereinafter:

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As named inventor, I hereby appoint the following attorney(s) and/or agent(s) to prosecute this application and transact all business in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

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I further declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

*May 4, 1999* *Stuart H. Thomson*

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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, we, Mark Y. Zhan, of 7536 Haystack Lane, Frankfort, County of Will, and State of Illinois 60423, and Stuart H. Thomson, of 4063 Cumnor Road, Downers Grove, County of DuPage, and State of Illinois 60515, have invented certain improvements in **CARGO SNUGGER STRAP AND HOOK MECHANISM**, for which improvements and the invention or inventions disclosed therein we executed an Application for Letters Patent of the United States of America herewith; and

WHEREAS, Holland Company, a corporation organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Illinois, is desirous of acquiring title to the aforesaid application, the improvements and the invention or inventions disclosed therein, and all Letters Patent or other certificates of protection, of the United States, or of any other country, which may be granted therefor;

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the sum of Ten Dollars (\$10.00) to us in hand paid, and other good and valuable considerations, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, we, Mark Y. Zhan and Stuart H. Thomson have sold, assigned and transferred, and do hereby sell, assign and transfer unto the said Holland Company, its successors and assigns, the entire right, title and interest in and to the aforesaid application, the improvements and the invention or inventions disclosed therein, all priority rights pertaining to same, and all Letters Patent and other certificates of protection, both domestic and foreign, which may be granted therefor, including any reissues and extensions thereof, to be held by said Holland Company as fully and entirely as the same would have been held by us had this Assignment and sale not been made; and we hereby bind ourselves, our heirs and legal representatives, to promptly, upon request of the said assignee, execute with proper signatures and oath or affirmation, any and all papers including all divisional, substitute, continuing and reissue applications for said

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IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands and affixed our seals respectively.

Dec. 13, 1999

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Given under my hand and seal this 13<sup>th</sup> day of December, A.D., 1999.



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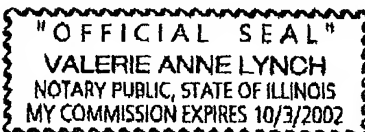
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